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AND METHODS FOR TISSUE  
TREATMENT AND REMOVAL

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 6, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.